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SUBMISSION OF LETTER PATENT FOR REISSUE APPLICATION

Sir:

Please find enclosed the ribbon copy of the issued patent relating to the above-referenced reissue application. Particulars of the issued patent are as follows:

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Patent No.: 5,697,970

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Issue Date: December 16, 1997

Title: Thinly Woven Flexible Graft

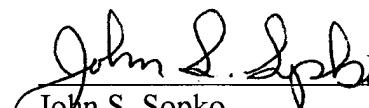
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The owner of this patent recently located the enclosed Letters Patent after a search of offsite facilities.

The surrender of the Letters Patent is believed to place the present application in condition for allowance. Favorable action thereon is respectfully submitted.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this submission, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number given below.

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